

STRIPTees

By John P. Stripling

WHAT PRICE LONELINESS?... Ralph "Chief" Cunningham, the very able semi-pro umpire, took his "war bonnet" off recently and cried into its feathers—bemoaning the fact that his profession required a certain amount of anti-sociality—and at heart, the chief wailed, he is a social character from a long line of social bowmen.



"I can't praise the chucker when he throws a curving strike over the platter," he said. "I can't call the catcher a mpat-head when he questions a called ball. (We're sure Cunningham means "out loud"). I can't answer the stale cat-calls of the fans—in fact, an ump must be somebody he ain't," the tonesome pot-cat lamented.

He let us know that an ump's life in the bigger leagues is not exactly that of a jolly mixer.

Following each game, the poor fellows hurriedly make their exit; their hotel, when on the road, is a quiet place where no players or other persons associate with our highly booted heroes; they travel in a different train than those used by the players, and to keep gambling syndicates from intimidating them, their assignments are kept secret even from them until 48 hours before each series.

With the season over, one can understand why umpires are glad to get into some business, like operating a restaurant, where they can have a little human contact. Cunningham avers:

Players rarely make good umpires, he declared, apparently being unable to attain the necessary aloofness. Hand-picked with care, umpires must not only know baseball inside out, but must possess almost perfect vision, we are told. On this point an umpire is often so touchy that he carries a certificate from an oculist which plainly reads that he is not a "blind Tom."

It is even asserted that a conscientious ump denies himself the pleasures of even a Lana Turner flicker for fear the eyestrain will dim his glims.

Cunningham does not impress us with this last assertion because we refuse to believe that any umpire is that wrapped up in his work—besides, we can't even imagine an ump straining his eyes either looking at Turner, a picture or a close play. How about that, men?

From here on in, we're going to let you readers know that Cunningham asserts:

"An ump needs flawless hearing, too. In calling decisions at first base, for instance, as he watches the runner's legs he listens also for the sound of the ball as it pounds into the baseman's glove.

"An umpire is called upon to make from 175 to 300 decisions during one ball game. These decisions must be spontaneous, accurate, firm. There are no close decisions!" (Come now, chief, these quotes of yours may reflect upon your friend and mine).

It is impossible to watch this Indian out on the ball diamond and doubt him when he says: "The game is the thing with me—I see a play and I call it and let the chips fall where they may—whether they're bums or stars!"

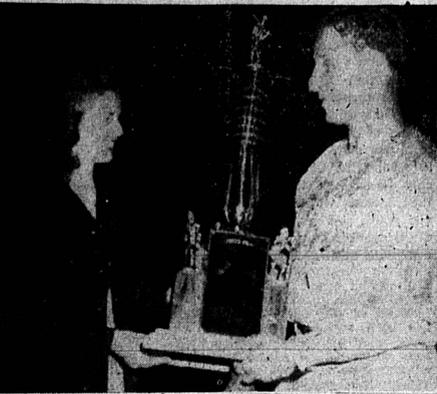
"With, or without an Orchid to friend or foe, I'll Tee an opinion wherever it may go"

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QUEEN PRESENTS TROPHY... Lovely Frances Barrington, 1946 Queen of Torrance, presents the California State Championship trophy to Art Swartz, manager of the Signal Oilers who defeated Moffatt Mantecas here last Sunday in a two out of three series. The trophy was contributed by the City of Torrance. (Photo by Torrance Herald.)

Signal Oilers New 1946 Ball Champs Of State

Behind the four-hit hurling of Jack Tegen, Signal Oil grabbed its first win of the North-South series Sunday night after dropping a 4-3 tilt in Saturday night's opener in Torrance park to Moffatt Mantecas bristling stars. The night-cap with the Bell ace Jim Crandall on the mound pitching a three-hitter, stopped the Northern invaders cold in the third and final game which decided the California State champions.

The 1946 champions went down in defeat in their first meeting with the Northern tournament winners Saturday night, after Archie Campbell allowed six hits and four runs to cross the tally recorder in his three and a third innings on the mound.

Manager Art Swartz tossed in his giant hurler, big Jim Sandell to relieve Campbell, with the big man allowing only one hit and no runs to cross the plate during his six innings on the rubber. But the damage had been done and the Oilers dropped the tilt 4-3.

With one game in the breeze, Signal Oil stepped on the diamond Sunday night with too much fire for their rivals, despite howls of "kill the umpires," and set Moffatt-Mantecas down in two-game order to win the series.

Saturday night game: R H E M.M. 102 100 000-4 7 2 S.O. 002 010 000-3 8 1 Schallock and Fenech; Campbell, Sandell and Crandall.

Sunday night—first game: R H E S.O. 100 501 000-7 14 3 M.M. 000 013 000-4 1 1 Tegen and Crandall; Wensloff and French.

Second game: R H E S.O. 021 012 0-6 9 0 M.M. 000 000 0-0 3 3 Crandall and Swartz; Meagher and Fenech.

Recreation Dept. Proposes Touch Football Here

The sports office of the Torrance Recreation department under the direction of Elmer "Red" Moon, has announced that efforts are being made to create a seven-man touch-football program for adults as well as the youths of the community.

Last season a four-team league was formed for boys 14 years of age and under, and was well received by the youngsters here. Early interest shown this year indicates that the number of participants will double last year's figures.

Touch-football is rapidly gaining favor throughout the nation because the rules are simplified, expenses are low and the danger of injuries are reduced to a minimum.

For the benefit of the newcomer, a brief rules summary follows:

National Collegiate Football Rules are followed with certain exceptions. Equipment: the field shall be marked into three zones of 30-20-30 yards, with 10-yard end zones and shall be 160 feet in width. Shoes: football cleats permitted. Absolutely no metal spikes or cleats. Game time: four quarters of 15 minutes straight time each. Exception: last five minutes of each half, clock will be stopped for all time out. Scoring: points for touchdown, six; safety, two; conversion, one. Position and number of players: any combination of line or backfield may be used and a team shall consist of seven players with a roster of no more than 15 total players.

Additional information may be obtained at the Sports Office, Torrance Recreation department at the City park. Phone 2263.

Berry Bangs 289 Average To Lead Torrance Course

Firing two 22 caliber strings for a 289 average, L. Berry led members of the Torrance Police Revolver club on the local police course during the past week.

Following Berry with a 254 average for three strings, D. Hoy took the number two position by shading E. DeBra's two string, 249 average.

M. Cook, lone 88 caliber gunman on the course with a high mark, fired 249 with one string. Forty-five caliber honors went to Berry, who topped DeBra's 229 average with 257. Both fired one string for the average.

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Palos Verdes Represented By Torrance Golfer

Two more Torrance residents have been added to the membership role at Palos Verdes Country club, it was announced by Fred Dille, area drive chairman. William H. Rojo, of the Torrance Laundry and George J. Uhar of 1675 Gramercy, have signed. The hill-side club will continue its drive for members until the 250 goal has been reached.

Ray Sleppy, another local resident and one of the outstanding amateur golfers of the Southland, is en route to Pebble Beach, where he will represent Palos Verdes in the State amateur tournament. Sleppy, out of competition for some time because of illness, has polished his game with daily practice at Palos Verdes and this last weekend toured the difficult links in even par figure, despite a five over par first nine score. Ray will join Elmer Clements, Arnold MacDonnell and Ted Barna in making up the Palos Verdes entry in the Public Links team matches.

Dille, a Palos Verdes member for the past ten years, announced this week that the total membership from this locality now exceeds 30 and that more would be added before the campaign closing date of Oct. 1 is reached. Torrance stands third behind San Pedro and Manhattan Beach in total number of members.

Mrs. Myrtle Dille, president of the Woman's club, has completed arrangements for the entertainment of more than 100 women stick welders on Oct. 10 when Palos Verdes will be hosts at its regular guest day event. The hillside course recently became affiliated with the association, which also includes membership in the women's section of the United States Golf association.

Next event on the calendar is a mixed foursome tourney Sunday. More than 35 women are expected to choose partners and compete.

Building Permits

Building permits issued by the San Pedro building office during the past week include the following for the nearby Los Angeles area:

L. N. Moore, Frampton ave. and Pacific Coast highway, six 4x8 utility buildings for trailer camp, \$1,200.
Max Schatz, 1720 W. 254th st., addition to garage, \$400.
John D. Aegud, 25127 Belleporte ave., public garage, \$2,000.
Henry Degner, 1378 W. 219th st., residence and garage, \$2,800.

J. T. Kirkpatrick, 1640 W. 253rd st., residence and garage, \$8,000.
E. E. Williamson, 1726 W. Pacific Coast highway, saw filling shop, \$750.
L. H. Partout, 1135 W. 259th, machinery shed, \$1,000.
G. J. Chasteen, 26227 Senator st., residence and garage, \$7,115.

B. Frank Asserts That TAL Serves Eggs With Beer

By B. FRANK

Well, the Torrance American Legion gave the visiting club another egg with their beer Sunday in Torrance Park when they fell apart before an ebony tide of colored talent successfully campaigning under the name of the Los Angeles Athletics. Looks as though winning three games in a row is too much success for the TALAC's to bear up under.

"Hard Luck" Lefty O'Reagan pitched airtight ball for more than four innings, setting down 13 of the first 14 to face his steady chucking. He walked one and allowed no hits.

Then came the egg with the beer. Jim Brewer, colored third sacker, pulled up safe on an error, team-mate Lott, hitting for Garriott, singled to right. Brewer scored on an error and Lott made the second sack safe. Roy Troy, Athletics chucker, singled to score Lott, Hicks drew a base on balls; LaBoux singled to score Troy and Hicks went to third on the throw and LaBoux advanced to second—exit Lefty O'Reagan.

Dick Rowin took the mound for the locals to stem the "black attack." Rowin forced the next batter, Simms, to fly out to left field.

Three runs, three hits, two errors.

Towna made a good thing of the rubber until the sixth, when the colored stars scored three more on three hits and a base on balls, and—one error.

Torrance scored its lone run in the third. Catcher Gil Bennett led off with a single, O'Reagan sacrificed him to second and little Buck Kuhn's single promptly stole second. Swayne Johnson knocked out an out in field fly with both runners holding fast their sacks—but a high wind took the ball out of the fielder's reach and Bennett seampurred home to tally. Kuhn tripped over his speedy feet trying to get to third and was put out—catcher to short stop to third base.

The mighty Hal Jackson, back in the fold after shopping around, grounded the next one out and the spree ended with one run off the three hits.

R.H.E. L.A. Athletics 000 030 030-0 9 1 Torrance A.L. 001 000 000-1 8 3 Troy, Carr and Hamilton; O'Reagan, Rowin and Bennett.

Clair Ausmus, new manager of the Torrance Club, has promised that a better ball club will be on the field this Sunday when TAL meets St. Mary's Athletic Club in a double-header which starts at 12:30 p.m. in Torrance park.

From my conversation with Clair, I determined that it was not the visitors he had referred to, either.

Sunday after Sunday I have watched TAL play, and can see no reason why we can't have a strong and dependable ball club here. In fact, the fans, who pay the freight, are beginning to demand a little better representation of the city.

To quote an old park observer, "There's too dang much dry firing out on that ball diamond!"

Second Game Of Softball Finals Tonight In Park

Do it the hard way.

That's the way the Shepard Brothers softball team won the second half championship of the Torrance Industrial Softball league. Needing only to win their final game with Goodyear to clinch the flag with eight wins and one loss, the Shepard nife proceeded to lose the game in a thrilling eight-inning 3-2 battle.

The highlight of this encounter was the neat flipping of the opposing pitchers. Van West went the full distance for Shepard's allowing but six hits and walked hairy a man, while the combined efforts of Wenzel and Schockley of Goodyear netted but four hits and three free trips to first.

The loss threw Dow Chemical and the Sports Club back in the race with Shepard Bros., each having seven wins and two losses. In the one game sudden death playoff of the tie, Dow won the bye and Shepard Bros. played the Sports Club a ding-dong fracas with both sides having the lead for short periods, only to have their rival tie it up the next time at bat.

In the tenth, with the score knotted 2-2, Shepard Bros. exploded and poured four runs over the plate and then retired the Sports Club batters 1-2-3 to sew up the contest 4-4.

After a night of rest the Sheps again went into action. This time against the fast Dow nine, who fought an uphill battle all the way to the last of the eighth inning, when they were finally subdued 4-3 despite the brilliant 2-hit pitching of their ace flinger, Sammy Totel.

Goodyear, winner of the first half, and the second half championship winners Shepard Bros., tangled last night in the first of a best two out of three series to decide who will be the 1946 City champions.

The second tilt is billed for 8 p.m. tonight, and the third game, if necessary, will be played at the same hour tomorrow. Both games will be played at the Torrance City park.

Final standings, second round:

Team	Won	Lost
Shepard Brothers	7	2
Sports Club	7	2
Goodyear Rubber Co.	6	3
Columbia Steel Co.	5	4
National Supply Co.	4	5
Mead-Johnson Co.	4	6
Shell Chemical Co.	3	5
Ravens Club	2	7
Callihan's Cementers	0	9

Diamond Belt Champ Engages Elmer Buckner

Rudy Davila of Hollywood, Southern California A.A.U. middleweight diamond belt champion, who was awarded the "outstanding fighter" trophy in the A.A.U. tournament, will engage San Pedro's hard-hitting kayo fighter Elmer Buckner, in the feature bout of the Wilmington Bowl double main event.

Duke Chronister, former Excelsior High athlete from Bellflower, and Tony Contreras of Wilmington, clash in the other top contest. First preliminaries will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Reckless Chase Brings Stiff Fine To Fast Driver

Floyd Ferguson, who last week led Torrance police to a merry automobile chase through the outskirts of the city until halted by Sgt. Percy Bennett, was fined \$125 in City Court for reckless driving.

gusen finally was brought to a halt when Bennett shot out a rear tire of the fleeing machine. Police booked Ferguson on a charge of reckless driving and suspicion of drunk driving. The drunk driving charge later was dismissed, police said.

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Malcolm Neal, one of the most consistent speedboat drivers on the Pacific coast and a likely threat to the world champion Dale Brown in "Duz" will be one of the featured entries in the combined Pacific Coast and Southern California Outboard, and California State Inboard speedboat regatta at the Long Beach Marine stadium Sept. 29.

Officials have divided the show into two parts, a morning regatta for the slower hydroplanes to begin at 10 am, and the favorite pinabout armada and swift inboard fleets taking over for the main event at 12:30 p.m.

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Track Superintendent Emmatt Malloy will have his crew out every day this week to resurface the oval so that Manuel Ayula's 20-lap standard should be endangered when the 12 fastest qualifiers of more than 70 expected entries take off in the main event.

Besides Ayula, two-time winner, other outstanding contenders who have signed up with Promoter J. C. Agajanian, include Bud Gregory, Jim Rathman, Gordy Reed, Wally Pankrantz, Chuck Leighton, Mickey Davis, Gilbert Ayula, Fred Luce, John Vanderbeck, Al Moore, Steve Ginardi, Doug Grove, Serge Diab, Bill Bass, Jack Kearni, Bob McGrabber and Troy Ruttman.

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